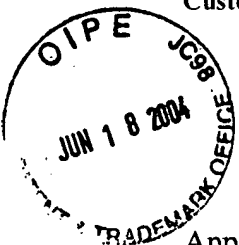


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2004, having a three-month shortened statutory period of response set to expire July 22, 2004. In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.